Amendment of Rent Control Act and Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976

1277. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of certain major decisions' suggestions made at the recent Conference of All India Council of Mayors and Local Government Organisations particularly with regard to the amendment of Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976;

(b) if so, the steps taken to consider the suggestions and implement them; and

(c) what steps are being taken to amend the Rent Control Act in view of the rising costs of services provided by Local Government Organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amendment of the Urban Land Ceiling Act is under consideration of the Government.

(c) The Delhi Rent Control Act has been amended in order to provide for periodic valuation of rented properties and to exempt buildings fetching rent more than Rs. 3,500- per month.

Better Quality of Pig Iron

1278. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an urgent-need of better-quality of Pig Iron to produce standard castings and thus improve our foundries; and

(b) whether any study has been undertaken by Government to improve our present quality of pig iron by adoption of latest process control techniques, effective use of laboratories etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. In pursuance of this need Government have already sanctioned a project for manufacture of low phosphorous pig iron.

Restructuring of Ministry of Urban Development

1279. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a task force to examine the possibility of restructuring the Ministry of Urban Development;

(b) whether the National Commission on Urbanisation had suggested to restructure and have a separate urban poverty alleviation division;

(c) if so, by when the proposed task force will submit its report; and

(d) the details of the aspects and to what extent the poor people are likely to be benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

A copy of the order constituting the task force, its terms of reference etc. is enclosed. (*See* statement below)

(b) Yes,

(c) It is expected to submit a report within three months.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Statement

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

National Commission on Urbanisation

No.1/5(48)/8-8-NCU

Dated the 9th January, 89.

ORDER

The National Commission on Urbanisation have commented extensively on the present institutional arrangement for

managing Urban Development and have given specific suggestions for strengthening/reorganising the various agencies involved in the process of planning and management at the central level. It is felt that the recommendations require in-depth study by an Expert Group with a view to operationalise these recommendations for managing urban development effectively and efficiently.

2. In the context of the foregoing, the Government is pleased to direct that a Task Force composed of the following may be constituted with the terms of reference as indicated below:—

(1) Mr. S.K. Sharma —Chairman
CMD, HUDCO
(2) Mr. M.K. Mukherjee —Member
Mandakini Enclave,
New Delhi
(3) Mr. Abhijit Dutta, —Member
IIPA
(4) Mr. M.K. Moitra —Member
Secretary, CMDA,
Calcutta
(5) Mr. S.C. Vaish —Member
CMD, DTC
(6) Mr. Om Kumar —Member
Joint Secretary
M/o Programme
Implementaion.
(7) Mr. H.U. Bijlani —Member
Former CE, MCD.
(8) Mr. R.K. Takkar —Member
Addl. Secretary
(UD)
(9) Mr. E.F.N. Ribairo —Convenor
Former Chief
Planner
TCPO

rms of Reference:-

(i) To consider the suggestion of the Commission for reorganisation of the central agencies for urban management and also to suggest a suitable organisational restructuring of the nodal Ministry of Urban Development for efficient management of Urban development programmes in concert with other central agencies.

(ii) To consider the suggestion of the Commission for a permanent institutional mechanism for evolving urban development policy and porgrammes and make specific suggestions about the constitution, composition and functioning of the National Urbanisation Council.

(iii) To consider such other matter as have a bearing on the effective management of Urban Development.

3. The Task Force shall be empowered to consitutue such sub-groups/sub-committees as it may deem necessary, consisting of officials and/or non-officials, to examine one or more of the issues germanc to its aforesaid terms of reference. The Task Force may co-opt one or more experts (officials or non-officials) as its member (s), should it find the same necessary for the satisfactory completion of the tasks intrusted to it.

4. The Task Force shall submit its report within three months from the date of its first meeting.

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(P.S.A. SUNDARAM)
JOINT SECRETARY.

Copy to:-

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6. Mr. Om kumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Programme Implementation, New Delhi.
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Recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee for prohibition of child labour

1280. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has since accepted the recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee for prohibition of child labour;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations accepted by Government;

(c) whether Government has since implemented the recommendations; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take against those violating the implementation order?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) the following recommendations of the Child Labour Technical Advisory Committee (CLTAC) have been accepted by the Government:-

(1) Prohibition of child labour in the occupation/processes mentioned below:

(i) *Occupations* —

Employment in shops with temporary licences to sell crackers and fireworks.

(ii) *Processes* —

Manufacture of slate pencils (including packing).

Manufacturing of products from agate.

Manufacturing Processes using toxic metals and substances such as Lead, Mercury, Chromium, Cadmium, Benezene, pesticides and as bestos.

(2) Setting up of a Coordination committee to be called the Research Coordination Committee to carry out further epidemiological studies in certain occupations/processes/industries on the basis of which a decision can be taken to advise Government whether or not to ban/regulate the employment of children in these occupation/processes/industries.

(c) and (d) For implementation of the first recommendation, the Government has issued a notification giving three months' notice of its intention to add the above mentioned occupations and processes to the Schedule to the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986. Violation of the implementation order will not arise at this stage as these occupations and processes are yet to be added to the Schedule.

The Government has also set up a Research Coordination Committee as recommended by the CLTAC.

Augmentation in Drinking Water Supply During Summer in Delhi

1281. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of coming summer season Government had taken any steps to augment and improve drinking water supply position in the capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and